[Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar]

(*d*) Yes ; (the complaints were enquired into and all stock of milk powder of doubtful quality was withdrawn from the merchants.)

**Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** May I know whether the Government are aware that such stuffs were distributed compulsorily along with sugar ?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** Not compulsorily.

**Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** May I know whether the Government are aware that it was distributed compulsorily in Attingal town by the Municipal Commissioner ?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** A report was received from the Tahsildar and immediately orders were passed for testing the skimmed milk, and all the quantities which were distributed were withdrawn.

*Ayurvedic Hospitals.*

243. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any Ayurvedic Hospitals in the State ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number of such hospitals ; and

(*c*) whether every Revenue Division has got a hospital ;

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two Government Hospitals and five grant-in-aid Hopitals

(*c*) Yes.

**Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** May I know whether Government have any idea to start in 1122, an Ayurvedic hospital ?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** No, Sir.

*Ayurvedic Medicines.*

244. **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that the prices of Ayurvedic medicines sold in grant-in-aid and other private Vaidyasalas show marked variations ?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** Government have no information.

**Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** May I know whether any enquiry was made regarding this matter at least subsequent to the receipt of my interpellation ?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** No enquiry was made but a report was called for from the Hon. Director of Ayurveda. He says he has not received any complaints. If the member wants an enquiry to be conducted, Government have no objection.

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**Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** May I know whether Government are aware that there is disparity in regard to the price?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** Government have no information.

**President.** If any instance is shown, Government will make enquiries. But is this disparity only with regard to the price and not with regard to the quality?

**Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** Of course, the quality must be lower. Anyway, the price of medicines sold in the pharmacy in Trivandrum is much lower than anywhere else.

*Honoraria to the members of the Legislature.*

245. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the honorarium now given to the members of the Legislature is given in lieu of their travelling allowances?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** It is in lieu of the travelling and daily allowances due to the members for attending the meetings of the Legislature.

**Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the honorarium paid to the members of the Legislature in lieu of T. A. and daily allowance is taken as income?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** Government are not aware, but it will be enquired into.

**President:** It is a wrong procedure. It is never done anywhere else and we will look into the matter. The Secretary will make a note of it.

*Posting of low-paid officers near their homes.*

246. *Mr. G. Madhavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Government order to the effect that low paid officers are to be posted as far as possible near their homes; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative whether that order is put into practice?

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

**Mr. G. Madhavan:** May I know whether any instructions have been given to the departmental heads to that effect.

**Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:** No instructions have been given to the departmental heads. Considering representations from the subordinate staff, the departmental heads post them to their native places as far as possible.

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